

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 14, 16-42, and 26-50 will be pending upon entry of the above amendments.

Claims 1, 18 and 35 are independent claims on which the remaining claims depend either directly or through intervening claims.

Entry of Amendment

The above amendments should be entered because they reduce issues for appeal and do not raise any new issues.

Drawings

The indication (Form PTOL-326, Item 10) that the drawings were accepted is noted.

Reply to Rejections

First Rejection

Claims 1-11, 18-28, 35-42, 49 and 50 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawasaki et al. (US Publication No. 2002/0142810 hereinafter "Kawasaki"). This rejection is traversed.

Initially, with respect to claim 1 (amended), Kawasaki does not disclose a structure corresponding to the "sub camera" and therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by Kawasaki.

Also, for the convenience of the Examiner, an analysis of claim 18, which is an independent claim, with Kawasaki is set forth as follows:

	Claim 18	Kawasaki
G	A device main body that is a combination of a main body section and a cover section via a coupling section such that the main body and the cover section can be folded	Figs. 1A-1C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> main body section: housing 12 a cover section: housing 11 a coupling section: hinge unit 23
H	An inner surface of the main body section meeting an inner surface of the cover body section when the electronic device is folded, the inner surface of the main body section being provided with an input key section including numeral keys	Fig. 1A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an input key section: operation unit 14
I	The inner surface of the cover section being provided with a main display section	Fig. 1A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a main display section: main display 13
J	A lens section, provided for a first camera, provided in an outer surface, which is exposed to outside when the electronic device is folded, of the cover section	Fig. 1C The lens section is not provided in the outer surface of the cover section (housing 11). (The lens section (camera unit 22) is provided in the main body section (housing 12).)
K	A sub display section, that serves as a finder of the first camera, provided in an outer surface, which is exposed to outside when the electronic device is folded, of the main body section	Fig. 1C The sub display section is not provided in the outer surface of the main body section (housing 12). (The sub display section (sub display 21) is provided in the cover section (housing 11).)
L	A shutter button, provided for the first camera, provided in the device main body	Fig. 1B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a shutter button provided for the first camera: side key 14i ([0071])

As is clear from the comparison, elements J and K of claim 18 are not disclosed in the Kawasaki reference.

Also, with respect to claim 35, the features of canceled claims 43-45, including “a second image pick-up section provided in an opposed surface of the first or second member,” are now included.

It is submitted that Kawasaki does not disclose a structure corresponding to “a second image pick-up section,” and therefore claim 35 is not anticipated by the Kawasaki reference.

The dependent claims are considered patentable at least for the same reasons as their base or intervening claims.

While the claims have been amended, it is submitted that they would not be obvious over the reference applied.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Second Rejection

Claims 1-50 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Kitamura et al. (JP2003-298884) hereinafter “Kitamura”. This rejection is traversed as to the remaining claims.

Kitamura discloses a “first camera 101” and “camera 10,” which correspond to the “sub camera” (see Fig. 1 and paragraph [0010] of Kitamura). However, Kitamura does not disclose the feature “a lens section, provided for a first camera, provided in one of outer surfaces of the main body and the cover body, and the outer surface being exposed to outside when the electronic device is folded; a sub display section, that serves as a finder of the first camera, provided in the other of the outer surfaces.” That is, in Kitamura, there is neither a “lens section” nor “sub display section” provided in an outer surface of a member (member provided with input keys including numeral keys) corresponding to the “main body.”

Further, Kitamura does not disclose the feature “a shutter button, provided for the first camera, provided in a side surface part of the device main body.” The Examiner contends that

“actuation key section” in Kitamura corresponds to the “shutter button” of claim 1. However, Kitamura does not disclose the feature that an “actuation key section” is provided in “a side surface part of the device main body.”

Also, Kitamura discloses a “first camera 101” and “camera 10,” which correspond to the “second image pick-up section” (see Fig. 1 and paragraph [0010] of Kitamura). However, Kitamura does not disclose the feature “a first member including a first image pick-up section provided in a surface on an opposite side of an opposed surface which faces the second member when the electronic device is folded; and a second member including a first display section, which displays at least an image taken by the first image pick-up section, provided in a surface on an opposite side of an opposed surface which faces the first member when the electronic device is folded.” That is, in Kitamura, neither “first image pick-up section” nor “first display section” is provided in an outer surface of a member (member provided with input keys including numeral keys) corresponding to the “second member.”

The dependent claims are considered patentable at least for the same reasons as their base claims. Even though the claims have been amended, they are not obvious from the reference applied.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Third Rejection

The Examiner maintained the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) of claims 1-33 and 35-50 as being anticipated by Sato et al. (U. S. Publication No. 2004/0048633 – hereinafter “Sato”). This rejection is traversed as to the remaining claims.

Sato discloses the feature (element K), as set forth in the chart above, that a sub display section, that serves as a finder, is provided in an outer surface, which is exposed to outside when the electronic device is folded, of the main body section (having an input key section including numeral keys in an inner surface of the main body section). See Figs. 1B, 8 and 19C of Sato.

Sato discloses a “first camera 101” and “camera 10,” which correspond to the “sub camera” (see Fig. 1A and paragraph [0073] of Sato. However, Sato does not disclose the feature “a lens section, provided for a first camera, provided in one of outer surfaces of the main body and the cover body, the outer surface being exposed to outside when the electronic device is folded; a sub display section, that serves as a finder of the first camera, provided in the other of the outer surfaces.” That is, in Sato, neither a “lens section” nor “sub display section” is provided in an outer surface of a member (member provided with input keys including numeral keys) corresponding to the “main body.”

Sato discloses a “first camera 101” and “camera 10,” which correspond to the “second image pick-up section” (see Fig. 1A and paragraph [0073] of Sato). However, Sato does not disclose the feature “a first member including a first image pick-up section provided in a surface on an opposite side of an opposed surface which faces the second member when the electronic device is folded; and a second member including a first display section, which displays at least an image taken by the first image pick-up section, provided in a surface on an opposite side of an

opposed surface which faces the first member when the electronic device is folded.” That is, in Sato, neither the “first image pick-up section” nor “first display section” is provided in an outer surface of a member (member provided with input keys including numeral keys) corresponding to the “second member.”

The dependent claims are considered patentable at least for the same reasons as their base or intervening claims.

Even though the claims have been amended, they are not obvious over the reference cited.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg (Reg. No. 33,347) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

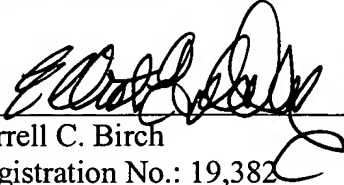
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